

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 15 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 – 15 were objected to for informalities, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome these objections.

By this Response and Amendment, claims 1, 2, and 7 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter to this application within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Support for the amendments may be found, *inter alia*, in the original specification, and in figures 1 – 3.

Objection to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 1 – 15 due to the language in claim 1 reciting “at least one cladding part (8, 8’), which can be pivoted at a joint (9) by a certain pivoting angle between an open position and a closed position.” The Examiner also objected to the language in claim 1 reciting “a protective sleeve which can be divided and closed.”

Response

By this Response and Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

In particular, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to now recite that “the cable receiving section (6) has at least two cladding parts (8, 8’), which can be pivoted at joints (9) by a certain pivoting angle,” and “a protective sleeve, comprising two protective sleeve shells (25, 25’), the

protective sleeve shells being closable around the welded location.” In this manner, Applicant has clarified that the cable receiving section has *at least two* cladding parts, and that the protective sleeve *comprises two protective sleeve shells*, which are themselves closable around the welded location. Claims 2 and 7 have been amended to bring them into conformity with the preceding claims.

Applicants now believe that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

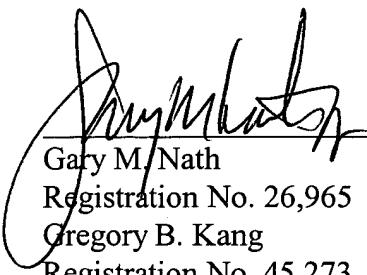
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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